

## **Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes March 31, 2009

In Attendance: Marie Inserra, Joyce McKinney, Becky Heron, Evelyn Nicholson, Shafonda Price, Fran Foster, Cindy Bailey, Joyce Arcus, Susan Teer, Martha Ann Traylor, Amanda Arrington, Beth Livingstone. There were 2 guests from the community in attendance.

Amanda Arrington presiding.

Minutes from the January 27, 2009, meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Animal Control Update:**

- Discussed impound statistics and completed calls
- 2 rabies positive cases in the last week
  1. fox – Pamlico Street
  2. skunk – potentially exposed 8 cows, Hamlin Road

### **Shelter Update:**

- Intake/outcome statistics were reviewed for February 2009

### **Old Business:**

- Tethering ordinance education plan update
  - Money saved on other projects will be used to mail out educational brochures
  - Within the next 8 months 55,000 brochures will be mailed to owners of licensed animals

### **New Business:**

- Discussion of the TNR issue tabled until the next meeting
- Proposed amendment to previously discussed tax exemption presented; committee requests that Marie present the amendment as written to the County Commission
- Discussed recent dog attack at Green St. Greenway
  - Chihuahua attacked by a male and female pit bull; male was the primary aggressor
  - Question as to whether the situation was handled correctly by the 911 operator that received the call. Discussed in which situations should the police be sent to a scene, especially after-hours when 1 Animal Control Officer is on duty.
  - Suggestion made to review the 911 protocol with members of ACAC, Emergency Management, and the Police Department; meeting to be set up for this purpose
- Marie to determine what the penalty is and how it is applied to individuals who do not pay the animal tax
- Martha Ann Traylor nominated to run for Vice-Chair of ACAC. Fran Foster previously nominated.
  - Vote taken – Fran Foster elected to position of Vice-Chair

Meeting closed at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.